

AN ORDINANCE BY

COUNCILMEMBER H. LAMAR WILLIS

**AS SUBSTITUTED BY PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 162-227 AND SECTION 162-232
OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA CODE OF ORDINANCES SO AS TO
ESTABLISH FEES FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ASSOCIATE
WITH NONCONSENSUAL MOTOR VEHICLE TOWING; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has an interest in maintaining the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Atlanta and its visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Code does not provide for electronic notification for vehicular impounds; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Public Service Commission regulations allow for the collection of a fee by municipalities for provision of such electronic notification.

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS,
as follows:**

Section 1: That Section 162-227 (a) of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances which reads as follows:

Sec. 162-227. Fees charged for nonconsensual motor vehicle towing.

(a) Any towing or storage firm engaged in the business of providing nonconsensual motor vehicle towing services shall not charge the owner or operator of any towed motor vehicle a towing and/or storage fee in excess of the maximum amount allowed by the State of Georgia, pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 44-1-13, Georgia Public Service Commission Transportation Rule 11-1 of \$125.00, and as it may be changed from time to time; however, no storage fees shall be charged for the first 24-hour period from the time the motor vehicle is removed from the property. The fee for towing and/or storage shall be all inclusive; no additional fees may be charge for using dollies, trailers, lifts, slim jims or any other equipment or service.

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SECTION 2: That Section 162-232 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances which currently reads as follows:

Sec. 162-232. Notification upon removal of vehicle at request of other than police officer.

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SECTION 3: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby waived for purposes of this ordinance only, and only to the extent of the conflict.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT FORM

DATE 03/09/10

**COMMITTEE PUBLIC SAFETY AND
LEGAL ADMINISTRATION**

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ORDINANCE I.D.# 10-O-0397

SECTION(S) 1

RESOLUTION I.D.# _____

PARAGRAPH(S) _____

**AMENDMENT: AMENDS THE LEGISLATION BY DELETING THE WORDS “DOES
NOT EXCEED” IN ITALICIZED AMENDED LANGUAGE OF SECTION 1 AND
REPLACE WITH THE WORDS “SHALL BE”.**

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